

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

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Voice of the City: Over the past couple of weeks we have received many inquiries from Richmond City citizens regarding the proposed ski area that has been proposed up Cherry Creek Canyon. We have received comments across the board on this issue. There are those who oppose it, there are those who are in favor of it happening and there are those who have told us they really do not have an opinion on the matter, in all instances they inquire what role we as a city are taking.

In order to answer this question so that everyone is aware of what is taking place from the city's standpoint. There has been a letter presented to the County under my signature outlining the various concerns of Richmond City. This letter did not take a position on the proposed ski area but put us on record as to the concerns we have that we would like to see mitigated and taken into consideration as it comes before the County as a proposal. A second letter was also submitted by the City Engineer to the County on our behalf. This letter as well did not take a position on the proposed ski area, but once again outlined questions and concerns that we feel need to be considered by the County as the due diligence is being conducted on the proposal that has been submitted.

This issue has been one that I think we as a council and city office have received more

comments on than any other we have had since I have been Mayor. We appreciate everyone's comments and concerns and would encourage any who have questions, concerns or comments to please let that be known, as our goal is to represent each of you as best as possible.

In the final outcome, this decision will be made by the County, not Richmond City. We do feel that at the current time we have taken the appropriate and necessary steps to place our concerns as a city in several areas and on several various issues on the record so that they may be considered and weighed in the balance. Thank -you. **Mayor Mike Hall**

Lions Club: The Richmond Lions club is pleased to coordinate the annual Easter Egg Hunt again this year. The event will be at the city park on Saturday, April 3 at 9 am. Please make sure to come before the 9 am start time. In years past the event has finished quickly. Please dress for the weather, bring a bag or basket for the candy and come see what the Easter Bunny has hidden earlier that morning. Members of the Lions club will be available to direct children to their individual sections as assigned by age. Lions Club members will be visible in their yellow vests.

Burn Permits: A date has been set for the Cache Valley spring open burn season. The season starts on April 15 and ends May 15. A resident of Richmond can burn garden

waste, tree limbs and other natural materials. A burn permit is required. These permits will be given out on a daily basis, except for Sundays, and days that the burning index is too low. You can obtain a permit by calling (435) 932-0234. This phone number will put you in contact with a person from Richmond City Fire Department that will be able to issue a burn permit.

Agricultural burns, such as stubble field and canal banks, only need to notify the Richmond City Fire Department before the burn is started. You will still receive a burn permit number for our records. The stipulations still apply, no burning on Sundays, or on days that the burning index is too low.

Barbeques, fireplaces, and small campfires do not need burn permits.

All fires need to be put out by sunset, except barbeques, fireplaces, and small campfires. These can continue as long as a responsible person is tending to them. The only other exception is if you obtained a special burn permit allowing you extended burn times.

People who live in the surrounding areas of Richmond City may call the above phone number to get a permit, or you can call the Cache County Fire District at (435) 755-1670.

A permit does not relieve a person from liability if the fire gets away or damages someone else's property. It is always the responsibility of the person lighting and tending the fire to take the needed precautions and prevent its escape. Failure to control the fire, burning illegally, burning without a burn permit, and following the instruction given to you over the phone, may result in a citation.

Finally, as you all have seen, there is a lot of dead, light fuel on the ground from last year's great growing season. This fuel will burn hotter, faster, and bigger than you are used to, so be cautious when burning this

spring. **Richmond City Fire Department**

Little Miss Pageant: The Youth Council will be hosting the *Lil' Miss Pageant* on May 8th from 2 – 4 p.m. This pageant is for girls currently attending 2nd Grade and living in Richmond. Applications are available at the Richmond City Office or Park School and must be returned by April 24th.

Black & White Days Queen: The 2010 Richmond Black & White Days Queen Contest will be held on Friday, April 30th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Richmond Indoor Arena. Please pre-register by April 23, 2010. For more information or registration contact Carleen Thurgood 258-2166.

Monthly Safety Tip: It has been a long winter, and we all are excited to get outside to plant garden, to take care of our lawns, and to enjoy the sun shine. Here are a few tips from the CPSC to help keep us safe while working in our yards: Each year, about 75 people are killed and about 20,000 are injured on or near riding lawnmowers and garden tractors. One out of every five deaths involves a child.

- Children should never be in the yard while you're mowing, and they should never ride on the mower. More than 800 young children get run over or backed over by riding mowers each year. This happens when children fall while being given rides, or when they approach the operating mower.
- Never assume children will remain where you last saw them. Be alert and turn off the mower if children enter the mowing area. Use extra care when backing up or going around corners, shrubs, trees or other

- obstacles.
- Many children suffer serious burns to their hands and arms when they touch the hot muffler of running or recently running engines. Keep children away from power equipment.
 - Be sure you know how to operate the equipment. Know where the controls are and what they do. Make sure the equipment is in proper operating condition and guards or other safety devices have not been removed or disabled.
 - Dress appropriately for the job. This includes: sturdy shoes with slip-resistant rubber soles, long pants and long-sleeved shirts, close-fitting clothes, eye protection, heavy gloves, hearing protection when needed, and no jewelry, which can get caught in moving parts.
 - Before mowing, walk around the area in which you will be working to remove any objects like sticks, glass, metal, wire, stones and string that could cause injury or damage equipment. Nails and wire are the most hazardous objects thrown by mowers, capable of killing bystanders.
 - Never work with electric power tools in wet or damp conditions. For protection against electrocution, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). GFCIs come in several models, including portable plug-in types and as part of some extension cords.
 - Be sure that extension cords are in good condition, are rated for outdoor use, and are the proper gauge for the electrical current capacity of the tool.
 - Before making adjustments or clearing jams near moving parts, unplug electric tools and disconnect

spark plug wires on gasoline-powered tools.

- Be sure that power tools are turned off and made inoperable if they must be left unattended. This will help prevent use by children.
- Handle gasoline carefully. Remember never to fill gas tanks while machinery is operating or when equipment is still hot. Do not fuel equipment indoors. Wipe up spills. Store gas in an approved container away from the house. Finally, never smoke or use any type of flame around gasoline.

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Black & White Days Parade: If your group is planning to participate in the Black & White Days parade on Saturday, May 15, *PLEASE* make sure to submit an entry form. Forms are available online (www.richmond-utah.com/bwdays) or at the city office. Entries are due May 8th.

Richmond's Harvest Market: The farmer's market will be back beginning Saturday, May 22nd. It'll be at Rockhill Creamery, 563 South State Street, every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor applications are available at www.richmond-utah.com/harvest or at the city office.

Performing Opportunities at the Harvest Market: The Harvest Market is seeking groups or individuals who may be interested in sharing a special talent with the community. This may include puppeteers, face painting, storytellers, musicians (no karaoke please), or other artisans. We would like to keep the presentation themes related to agriculture or handmade arts. This is a great opportunity share, get to know

your neighbors, and enjoy a Saturday morning. If you are interest in performing or offering a presentation, please contact Sue McCormick at 760-5022. Please call after 5 p.m.

Roll-On, Roll-Off Dumpsters: Dumpsters will open for use on Saturday, April 10th. Days and hours for this year are Saturday, 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. or until full. Wednesday, 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. or until full. ***This is a service for Richmond City residents only.*** Green waste cannot be tied or bagged (the County will treat it as garbage if either are present and will charge us accordingly) and may be put into the green bin at no charge. There is a nominal charge (\$5 per pick-up truck load) for the garbage. Please, no wet garbage – that goes into your household “black beauty” only. **HAZARDOUS WASTE** will be accepted at the County landfill at no charge for households. Examples are antifreeze, bleach, car and household batteries, computers and computer monitors, gasoline and unwanted fuels, household cleaners, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides, mercury items (fluorescent light bulbs), thermometers, motor oil, paint and paint thinners, etc. There is a small charge for refrigerators and tires. If in doubt, call 713-6686 and they can answer your questions. Do not put any of the above into the roll-on, roll-off dumpster.

Richmond Youth Baseball: Youth baseball sign-ups are underway. You may sign-up at the City Office until April 30th. We only handle youth between 5 and 8 years of age. (T-Ball – ages 5 and 6; Coach Pitch – ages 7 and 8 with the age being

determined by how old he or she is on April 30th of this year.) The cost is \$20.00. If you have questions, please call either Lori Durrant (994-1420) or the City Office (258-2092). Games will begin about June 1st. If your child is 9 years of age or older, you will need to register with the Smithfield Recreation Center located in the southeast corner of Sky View High School. You can also go on-line to <http://www.smithfieldrecreation.com> . This will cover Pony Tail – girls ages 9-12, Minors – boys 9 and 10, Majors – boys 11 and 12, and Pony – boys 13 and 14. Their registration **ends on April 11th** at the Smithfield Recreation Center.

MBR Plant Award: Richmond City was the recipient of the Rural Water Association of Utah’s ***Most Improved Wastewater System*** award for 2009. RWAU, the Utah chapter of the nation Rural Water Association, is a highly respected and regarded professional organization that assists rural systems, both water and wastewater, to meet the many challenges presented to adhere to the innumerable mandates and rules placed upon systems by the Federal and State governments. In carrying out their mission, they come into contact with literally all of the systems within the State of Utah. They have watched Richmond be very pro-active in efforts over a number of years to bring our wastewater system into compliance. This award was their token of recognition for these efforts. Mayor Hall, Council member Brad Jensen (assigned over water and sewer) and plant operator Maintenance Supervisor Scott Ball were all present at the award banquet to accept this recognition.